

WEATHER.
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Generally fair tonight and tomorrow;
continued mild; lowest temperature to-
night about 50; gentle variable winds.
Temperatures today—Highest, 77, at 2
p.m.; lowest, 48, at 6 a.m.
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D. C. INCOME TAX TO BE DISCUSSED BY LEGISLATORS

House Leaders to Meet
With Senate Group This
Afternoon.

NEW EXEMPTION CLAUSE
CONSIDERED IN PARLEY

Attempt to Revive Plan Seen
Hinging on Advice Received
as to Likely Fate.

BACKGROUND—
House subcommittee revenue bill
to Senate short of income tax plan
which House District Committee
had reported. House revolted
against provision taxing all who
work in Washington, but exempting
Congress members and other se-
lected groups. Senate now is faced
with task of finding means of rais-
ing \$1,200,000, estimated yield of
income tax.

By JAMES E. CHINN.
In an effort to find out whether the
twice-beaten income tax could be re-
tained in the District revenue bill if
brought back to life by the Senate,
House members in charge of the mea-
sure have been asked to meet with the
Senate District Committee at 3 p.m.
today.

The conference with House mem-
bers was announced by Chairman
K. M. after the Senate group had spent
the hour going over the tax bill with
District officials in executive session
this morning.

"We merely canvassed the situa-
tion," Senator King said. "I would
like to see the income tax adopted, but
if that cannot be done we probably
will have to turn to a modified busi-
ness privilege tax."

According to reliable reports, a new
income tax exemption clause was dis-
cussed this morning under this plan.
The tax would not apply to persons
who live outside the District. The
fact that Washington has so many
temporary residents has been one of
the stumbling blocks in the consid-
eration of the income tax. The plan
which the House voted down Monday
on a roll call vote of 198 to 87 brought
to exempt members of Congress, their
secretaries and certain other high
Government officials.

Whether the Senate committee will
attempt to revive the income levy
probably will depend on the advice
members obtain from House members
this afternoon as to the likely fate
of that proposal at the other end of
the Capitol, even in rewritten form.

Meanwhile, it was reported the Dis-
trict Commissioners have not yet ar-
rived at a unified stand on taxes. Com-
missioner Hazen is on record for a sales
tax as his first choice; Commissioner
Allen is on record for an income tax as
his first choice, and Engineer Commis-
sioner Sullivan, now away on vacation,
has not made known a definite choice
of any particular form.

In view of the rejection of the in-
come tax by the House, Corporation
Counsel Elwood H. Seal said he had
savored continuation of the busi-
ness privilege tax, in modified form,
for another year.

In the meantime Mr. John Boyle,
Jr., chairman of the Citizens' Com-
mittee on Fair Taxation, issued a
statement pointing out the failure to
include an income tax plan in the
bill might result in a real estate tax
of \$1.90 in the coming fiscal year.

Mrs. Boyle announced the com-
mittee proposed to make a vigorous
fight before the Senate District Com-
mittee for restoration of the income
tax and declared House debate on
this plan Monday was not based on
its merits.

PROVES NEED FOR VOTE.
"For more than two hours on Mon-
day only about 50 members were on
the floor to hear the debate," she
said. "The roll call, however, found
198 voting against the plan."

"If there is any one thing proved
by the vote on the income tax plan
it is the desperate need of the people
of the District of Columbia for their
own elected government."

WOMAN MUST DIE
Ohio Supreme Court Dismisses
Mrs. Hahn's Appeal.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 13 (P)—
The Ohio Supreme Court today dis-
missed the appeal of Anna Marie
Hahn, convicted Cincinnati poison
slayer, and sentenced her to die in
the Ohio Penitentiary electric chair
May 4.

The court held there was no con-
stitutional question involved in her
appeal.

Mrs. Hahn had been scheduled to
die March 10, but her appeal to the
Supreme Court automatically stayed
the electrocution date.

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perfumes, bags, shoes and stock-
ings, men's suits, shirts, neckties
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dividual wants of thousands of
people every day.

Wins in Senate



EDOUARD DALADIER.

FRENCH SENATORS VOTE 288-1 TO GIVE DALADIER POWERS

'National Defense' Cabinet
to Rule by Decree Until
July 31.

BACKGROUND—
Fall of Leon Blum's second Peo-
ple's Front government last week
brought to power Edouard Daladier,
long-time head of French national
defenses. Senate had refused to
vote decree powers for the Socialist
premier, but yesterday the Cham-
ber of Deputies approved M. Dal-
adier's bill giving him similar au-
thority.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, April 13.—The Senate to-
day voted 288 to 1 to give Premier
Edouard Daladier's "national defense"
cabinet powers to govern France by
decree until July 31. The Chamber
of Deputies previously had approved the
decree powers bill.

Senate approval completed parlia-
mentary action on the measure cloth-
ing the new premier with unusual pow-
ers to cope with the republic's acute
financial and labor problems.

M. Daladier turned immediately to
fight the strike movement as his first
step toward putting France's house
in order.

With publication of Parliament's
action in the Official Gazette tomor-
row, M. Daladier automatically will
begin governing by decree of the
Council of Ministers, the cabinet meet-
ing with President Albert Lebrun.

His "Political Strikes."
M. Daladier determined to end
"political strikes," told the Finance
Committee one of his first decrees
would make a government-controlled
vote of workers necessary before a
strike could be declared.

Governments have been found that
in at least one factory involved in
the current strike wave pickets not
employed by the plant had engineered
the walkout.

Socialists and Communists joined
Centrists and Rightists yesterday in
the House in passing, 506 to 12, the
decree powers bill, the power that was
refused Socialist Premier Leon Blum
and Radical Socialist Premier
Camille Chautemps once.

Deputies talked excitedly of a re-
surge of confidence in the govern-
ment as a result of M. Daladier's vic-
tory in the Chamber, together with
approaching settlement of widespread
metal workers' strikes.

Strikers Returning to Work.
Strikers began returning to work in
the aviation plants this morning, al-
lowing partial resumption of produc-
tion in the Chamber, together with
armament, program after M. Daladier
had threatened to end the strikes by
force.

Work was resumed at the Farman
and Neuport factories and it was an-
nounced operations would resume to-
morrow in the Clerget and other fac-
tories, involving a return of 25,000
men altogether.

The franc reacted quickly to the
premier's measures and the heavy vote
of confidence given him by the Cham-
ber. It was quoted at 31.90 to the
dollar in morning bank trading, com-
pared to 32.35 at the Bourse closing
yesterday.

The grateful premier emphasized to
the Chamber that the heavy vote in
his favor had done much to strengthen
the franc internally, as well as to show
foreign nations that France was pre-
pared to solve her problems.

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KELLY-NASH RULE BROKEN AS LUCAS WINS CLOSE RACE

Horner's Senate Candidate
Has Lead of 28,036 in
Illinois Balloting.

DOWNSTATE DISTRICTS
AID IGOE DOWNFALL

Judge Who Was Dropped by
Chicago Machine Is Named
With G. O. P. Aid.

By G. GOULD LINCOLN.
The Kelly-Nash Democratic ma-
chine in Chicago took a licking at
the polls in the primary yesterday,
and Gov. Horner and his organization
are sitting on top of the heap.
Representative Scott W. Lucas of
Havana, Ill., won the Democratic
senatorial nomination, judging from
the latest returns, over Michael L.
Igoe of Chicago. This was the main
State-wide contest, with Mr. Lucas
backed by Horner and Igoe by the
Kelly-Nash organization.

With returns received from 7,211 of
100 precincts, Lucas had 674,388
votes and Igoe 646,533—a lead of
28,855. Later reports brought the
lead to 28,036, with all except 988 pre-
cincts reporting. Most of the returns
still to be included in the total are from
downstate districts, where Mr. Lucas
strength lay.

A 100 per cent Roosevelt vote there
today insisted there was no issue
fought out in the Illinois primary in-
volving Roosevelt prestige. They said
that both Mr. Lucas and Mr. Igoe were
supporters of the President.

Although Mr. Lucas has been called a
100 per cent Roosevelt man, he re-
called at the Capitol today that
during the President's fight to increase
the membership of the Supreme Court
last year Mr. Lucas spoke on the floor
of the House against the proposal.

Also during the special session last
December he was one of those Rep-
resentatives of the House who voted to
recommit the wages and hours bill.
With such a record, opponents of the
administration insisted that Mr. Lucas
victory over Igoe had more in it than
appeared on the surface.

Mr. Lucas was absent and recorded
as not voting when the House last
Friday killed the President's reor-
ganization bill.

Claim State Is Democratic.
These Democratic political generals
also maintained confidently that Illi-
nois was still overwhelmingly Demo-
cratic—as demonstrated by the very
large vote cast in the Democratic pri-
mary and the comparatively small vote
in the Republican primary. Democratic
troubles, they added, would be largely
forgotten or patched up before the
election in November. The Statewide
Democratic vote will reach 1,250,000,
when all the returns are in, and the
Republican vote will be only a few
hundred thousand.

In the Republican side of the fence,
however, there was no contest. Rich-
ard J. Lyons, 42-year-old State Rep-
resentative, was nominated for Sen-
ator, running as an anti-New Dealer.
He will face Mr. Lucas in the cam-
paign next fall.

Many Republicans, it is reported,
went into the Democratic primary to
help smash the Kelly-Nash organiza-
tion and to support Judge Edmund
K. Jarecki of Cook County (Chicago).
Judge Jarecki charged that the Kelly-
Nash organization had turned him
down and not placed him on the
ticket because it wanted to seize con-
trol of the voting machinery in Cook
County, which comes under the di-
rection of the judge. The organization
put up Circuit Judge John Prystalski.
Col. Frank Knox, Republican vice
presidential candidate of the G. O. P.
in 1928, in the Chicago Daily News
which he publishes, urged Republicans
to go into the Democratic primary
and support Judge Jarecki.

Dietrich Drops Out.
There was much interest in the
Illinois primary—the first to be held
this year. When Senator Dietrich,
who supported President Roosevelt
vigorously in the fight over the Su-
preme Court last year, faded out of
the picture as a candidate, there was
a slight diminution of interest from
the national point of view. Senator
Dietrich was opposed by both Gov.
Horner and the Kelly-Nash organiza-
tion for renomination.

Gov. Horner's victory over the Kelly-
Nash machine was an encounter which
happened in 1936, when Kelly, who is
(See ILLINOIS, Page A-3.)



Whitney, Entering Sing Sing, Seen Problem in Penology

Warden Lawes Says Prison Term May
Be Best Thing in World—Cure for
Egotists, He Asserts.

By IRA WOLFE.
OSSINING, N. Y., April 13 (N.A.A.)—Richard Whitney, former presi-
dent of the New York Stock Exchange, became "a somewhat rare, but not at
all unique, problem in penology" to Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing
Prison here today.

This large, solid, imposing man, only a few months ago universally re-
garded as one of the Nation's financial leaders, will remain in the category
of a "problem in penology" for the next 5 to 10 years, which is the term
must serve for a chain of larcenies
that resulted in the loss of an as yet
unknown number of millions of dollars
and the \$6,000,000 bankruptcy of his
brokerage firm.

"It is unfortunate," the warden said,
"that, because of the overcrowding
here, he must spend the first six
months or a year in the old cell-block
in a cell that is not fit for human
occupancy."

"For the next two weeks our
psychologists and psychiatrists will be
going over him and trying to make
up their minds about the treatment
we can give him, within, of course,
our limitations, for preserving the
good that is in him and weeding out
the bad."

Has Not Yielded to Self-Pity.
"I don't know him at all yet and
I'll be better able to decide once their
reports are in. But, judging from the
probation report, from the newspaper
accounts of his conduct the last few
weeks and from experience up here
with men of his type, I would say it is
not at all unlikely that this prison
term may turn out to be the best
thing in the world for Whitney."

The warden, who has acquired a
reputation for thoughtful penology,
said that the particular phase of
Whitney's conduct in recent weeks
which led him to be "hopeful" about
the results of the former Wall Street
leader's stay in prison "is his obvious
desire to stick his chin out and take
what is coming to him with dignity.
He has not, apparently, yielded up to
self-pity."

During the weeks of exposure and
confession, Whitney has been carry-
ing on with pale and rigid determina-
tion. "Urbane and sportsmanlike,"
the probation report called him. He
had his last chance to act that role
in the public eye during the trip from
the Tombs in New York to Sing Sing
Prison here.

Frowns at Indignity.
Whitney, obviously, had decided
that the trying trip from the taxicab
to the prison up a flight of steps
through a lane of photographers and
reporters ought to be made with dig-
nity. He began the journey with the
demeanor, measured tread that is take-
tomy to him, but his companion—
two comparatively small men, lawyers
sentenced for extortion—thought only
to escape the battery of lenses. They
skipped hastily up the stairs, their
bags buried in bundles they carried.
And, sure enough, handcuffed to
him, they ended by making his pro-
gress a breathless upward tumble. He
flushed and frowned heavily at this
indignity.

When Warden Lawes heard of the
by-play that occurred in the course of
Whitney's entrance into the prison he
said: "That's exactly what I mean."
"The next two weeks," said Warden
(See WHITNEY, Page A-5.)

**WIDOW, DESPONDENT,
HANGS SELF AT HOME**
Bertha Lane Felt 'Nobody Wanted
Her'—Had Several Thousand
Dollars in Cash.

Despondent because she felt that
"nobody wanted her," Mrs. Bertha
Edsall Lane, 67-year-old widow, ended
her life last night by hanging her-
self in a shed in the rear of her home
at 915 Ninth street N.E.

With a rope tied around her neck,
Mrs. Lane stepped off the top of a 6-
foot ladder and swung from a rafter
across the top of the shed. She was
found by Mrs. Grace Spindler, to
whom she recently sold her home, and
pronounced dead a short time later at
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gruder MacDonald issued a certificate
of suicide.

Investigation disclosed, according
to Capt. Ira E. Keck, assistant chief
of detectives, that Mrs. Lane had
\$3,000 in bank, in addition to the cash
realized from the sale of her property.

D. C. NUMBERS ACT INVOKED BY JURY

First Indictment Returned
Under Drastic Law
Names Orderly.

BACKGROUND—
The numbers racket, declared by
officials to net its backers millions,
has been blamed indirectly for
much of crime in District. After
The Star had revealed in series of
stories the extent and menace of
the racket, Congress recently en-
acted a stringent lottery law,
which police and prosecuting of-
ficers had been seeking for three
years. Authorities, declaring old
law would not reach numbers men,
promised to make Capital too hot
for them with law which President
signed last week.

The first indictment under the dras-
tic new numbers law was returned in
District Court today.

Robert H. Williams, 25, colored, an
orderly at Walter Reed Hospital, was
indicted on two counts for alleged traf-
fic in numbers bets.

The first count charged Williams
with conducting a lottery and the se-
cond accused him of possessing lottery
tickets.

Conviction on the first count would
bring a possible penitentiary sentence,
while the maximum punishment under
the possession count is six months in
jail and \$500 fine.

Williams was arrested last Saturday
by military police at the hospital. Po-
lice said they found 30 slips in code
strapped with a rubber band beneath
his clothes.

The defendant was arraigned in
Police Court yesterday before Judge
Edward Curran, but, at the request
of the prosecution, the case was de-
ferred until tomorrow. A plea of not
guilty was entered, and Williams' at-
torney, David A. Pine, the case was
presented to the grand jury yesterday
afternoon.

A second orderly arrested with Wil-
liams was released for lack of evi-
dence. These were the first arrests
under the amendment to the District
lottery law which President Roosevelt
signed a week ago. The new law was
designed to smash the numbers racket.

RUSSIAN JEWELS STOLEN
Home of Grand Duke Michael's
Daughter Looted of Gems.

LONDON, April 13 (P)—An unde-
termined amount of jewelry belonging
to the Russian imperial family was
stolen today from the home of Sir Har-
old and Lady Anastasia, Warner
Thorpe Lubanham Hall, in Leicester-
shire. Lady Anastasia is the eldest
daughter of the Russian Grand Duke
Michael.

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was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. About
10:45 Chairman Palmisano arrived and
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hurried into the committee room and
quickly extracted from his coat pocket
a half dozen bills that had been re-
ferred to his group for consideration.

**D. C. Body, With Two Present,
Approves Train Liquor Bill**

With only 2 of its 18 members pre-
sent—Chairman Palmisano and Repre-
sentative McGeehe, Democrat, of Mis-
sissippi—the House District Committee
today favorably reported a bill to
relieve railroads of the necessity and
expense of procuring separate licenses
for each dining, club and lounge car
on which liquor is sold while in Wash-
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PRESIDENT ASKS PROFIT TAX IDEA BE KEPT IN BILL

Harrison, Finance Group Head,
Says Senate Conferees Will
Not Yield to Plea.

MODIFICATIONS ARE APPROVED,
BUT PRINCIPLE IS HELD SOUND

Repeal of Proviso, Roosevelt Declares,
Hits at Fundamentals of Taxation.

Business Aid Claimed.

BACKGROUND—
Prompted by insistence of Senator Harrison that 1938 revenue bill
should be drafted to encourage business revival, Senate passed measure
Saturday, eliminating entirely tax on undistributed profits and dras-
tically modifying the capital gains tax, which had been modified to
some extent in the House. Flat corporate income tax of 18 per cent was
substituted by Senate for undistributed profits levy, in lieu of
House capital gains tax, 15 per cent rate on long-term holdings and
ordinary income tax rates for short-term gains were provided.

(Text of the President's message, page A-2.)
By the Associated Press.
President Roosevelt today urged Congress to retain the principle of the
bitterly disputed undistributed profits tax, but met stubborn resistance from
the Senate Finance Committee.

Attacking provisions of the Senate tax bill which would eliminate the
undistributed profits tax, opposed by business, and substitute a flat capital
gains tax for the graduated system now employed, Mr. Roosevelt wrote the
chairman of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committee:

"The repeal of the undistributed profits tax and the reduction of the
tax on capital gains to a fraction of the tax on other forms of income strike
at the root of fundamental principles of taxation.
"Business will be helped, not hurt, by these suggestions."

Chairman Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee, gave out the
communication and commented tersely:
"The Senate conferees will insist in conference on the amendments
adopted by the Senate."

The Mississippiian personally had led the Senate fight for the changes
opposed by the President.
The Senate amendments to the five-billion-dollar tax revision bill on
which Senate and House conferees are attempting to work out a compromise,
include repeal of the undistributed
profits tax.

**Britain Plans
Purchases of
U. S. Aircraft**
By the Associated Press.
LONDON, April 13.—Earl Winterton,
undersecretary for air, announced in
the House of Commons today that the
government was investigating the pos-
sibility of buying airplanes in the
United States and Canada for the
Royal Air Force.

Cheers greeted this statement, with
which Lord Winterton replied to two
questions:
"Definitely exploratory action has
been taken regarding the possibility
of providing aircraft for the R. A. F.
from the United States and Canada."

Numerous members of Parliament
have advocated this step as the only
way to catch up with Germany's war-
plane production in the near future.
Britain's aviation factories, although
working day and night, still are unable
to meet the demand.

Some members have urged the gov-
ernment to build aircraft factories in
Canada, arguing that in case of war a
direct supply of planes from the United
States might be shut off by the neu-
trality act.

**TOWNSEND PARDON
IS ASKED BY M'ADOO**
President Gets Senator's Plea for
Pension Advocate Who Faces
Contempt Term.

By the Associated Press.
Senator McAdoo, Democrat, of Cal-
ifornia, has asked President Roosevelt
to pardon Dr. Francis E. Townsend,
old-age pension advocate, who faces a
30-day jail term for contempt of a
House committee.

Senator McAdoo disclosed his re-
quest today in a letter to Attorney
General Cummings asking him to give
his consideration to the proposal to
save the California physician from the
jail term.

Senator McAdoo, describing Dr.
Townsend as a "respected citizen of
California," said he believed he was
"ill-advised" in defying a House com-
mittee which was investigating his
old-age revolving pension plan last
year.

Several members of Congress also
have suggested a presidential pardon.
"The letter is most unfortunate for
a favorable result of the conference.
It practically tells the House con-
ferees to insist upon the retention of
the undistributed profits tax and the
House method of taxing capital gains,
and it likewise notifies the Senate
conferees that they must yield upon
these two outstanding differences."

"Never before have I known the
Executive to force his views upon a
conference. The result will be far
reaching and arouse much resentment
among the people. An agreement be-
tween the conferees seems almost im-
possible."
(See TAXES, Page A-4.)

FIRST TRAIN RIDE
Colorado Girl, 18, Won D. A. R.
Trip Here in Citizenship Contest.

ALAMOSA, Colo., April 13 (P)—
Eighteen-year-old Lila Marion Elliott,
a Colorado ranch girl, rode on a rail-
road train today for the first time in
her life.

"This is the biggest thrill of my
life and I think I'm the luckiest girl
in the world!" Lila Marion exclaimed,
beaming a train for Washington,
D. C.

A senior at the small Mosca, Colo.,
High School, she won recognition as
Colorado's outstanding high school
girl and the D. A. R.'s award of a
"good citizenship" pilgrimage to the
Nation's Capital.